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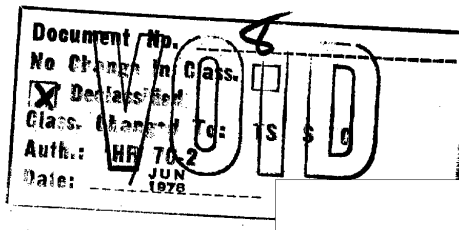
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1. 7 Infantry Regiment is reportedly stationed in Gjinokaster, as is 1 Artillery Regiment of 5 Division. Between Gjinokaster and the border with Greece no military unit is stationed, except for the Border Guard Battalion of Gjorgucat.
2. [redacted] the airfield at Gjinokaster is not fit for use; most of the surface has been put into crops.
3. There is said to be an 8-member Soviet mission, under a Soviet Lieutenant Colonel, in Gjinokaster, comprising also one Major and several junior officers, in addition to three or four non-commissioned officers. The members of the mission are installed in the headquarters of 5 Division.
4. Since January 1950 an engineer company which arrived from Shkoder has been at work on improving the fortifications in the region of the hills of Agios Trias near Gjinokaster and the hills around the city of Gjino-kaster. They are also constructing positions for anti-aircraft batteries. There are ten light anti-aircraft guns on heights around the city of Gjinokaster.
5. There is a rumor that all the men between 20 and 35 years of age who have not yet served in the army will be called up during April 1950. It is estimated that about 600 will be inducted from the Komiteti of Gjinokaster; they will go to Tirana for training. Others are expected in Gjinokaster from northern Albania. The call-up is being made to fill vacancies in the existing units.

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